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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 16, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, lines 8-14 with the following paragraph (marked up version attached in Appendix):

Such vehicles are known in the art (DE 43 44 779 A1, corresponding to U.S. Pat. No. 5,638,967 issued June 17, 1997 to Heckmann). The stationary telescopes of each side of the vehicle are executed here separately from each other in carriers and disposed on the vehicle frame either one above the other or concentrically to each other. This leads to a considerable space requirement on both sides of the vehicle and also to additional technical effort due to the separate fastening of each stationary telescope to the vehicle frame, one consequence being an increase in vehicle weight, which is already substantially exploited by the heavy superstructure.

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 14-21 with the following paragraph (marked up version attached in Appendix):